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1. MINISTRY OF CULTURE NOTE 2325-08/15-45, BEING FORWARDED UNDER REGISTRY NO. 2061301, INFORMED EMBASSY APRIL 11 THAT MINISTRY WOULD ARRANGE 2-3 DAY SEMINAR IN MOSCOW DURING MAY 15-19 PERIOD. SECOND PARAGRAPH STATES THAT MINISTRY WOULD FACILITATE VISITS BY MEMBERS OF AMERICAN DELEGATION TO LENINGRAD MUSEUMS.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO REPLY ASAP WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE STRESSING THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN ARTISTS AND FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT SHOULD BE OFFERED TO ALL 3 CITIES WHERE EXHIBIT SHOWN. REQUEST AGENCY CONFIRM THAT SIMS AND OTHERS AGREE TO ITINERARY PROPOSED IN REFTEL AND SEND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

3. IF EMBASSY UNABLE TO PERSUADE MINISTRY TO CO-SPONSOR ROUNDTABLES IN LENINGRAD AND MINSK, BUT RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION
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TION FOR VISITS TO MUSEUMS IN MINSK AS WELL AS LENINGRAD, WOULD AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WISH TO TRAVEL THERE? IF AFFIRMATIVE, EMBASSY WOULD TRY TO WORK THROUGH UNION OF ARTISTS TO ARRANGE MEETINGS IN MINSK. TOON

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